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SUBJECT: STATUS OF VARGAS SACCONE CASE

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- 1. GIAMBRUNO TOLD CHARGE JULY 25 THAT SINCE HIS RETURN FROM OASGA HE HAS CONTACTED APPROPRIATE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES SEEKING INFORMATION ON VARGAS SACCONE CASE. TO DATE HE HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT VARGAS SACCONE IS BEING HELD FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH HIS POSSIBLE PARTICPATION IN THE MURDER OF TWO HOSPITAL GUARDS IN 1970 OR 1971. COMMENT: THIS INDICATES THAT GOU AUTHORITIES HAVE APPARENTLY GIVEN UP PLOY DESCRIBED PARA 2 REF B DESIGNED TO EXTEND VARGAS SACCONE'S ORIGINAL SENTENCE BY FOUR YEARS AND WILL INSTEAD TRY TO PROSECUTE HIM FOR ADDITIONAL OFFENSES. END COMMENT.
- 2. GIAMBRUNO ASSURED CHARGE THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO FOL-LOW THROUGH ON THIS CASE AND FURNISH US WITH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION HE RECEIVES. HE COMMENTED THAT HE HAD STRESSED TO GOU AUTHORITIES INVOLVED IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF GUILT IF VARGAS SACCONE IS TO BE CHARED WITH ADDITIONAL OFFENSES.
- 3. RE PARA 2 REF A, GIAMBRUNO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ROVIRA HAD GIVEN AMBASSADOR PEZZULLO ALL THE INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT HE (ROVIRA) HAD. IN ANY EVENT, ROVIRA'S INFORMATION DID NOT GO BEYOND THAT PROVIDED IN REF B. CHEEK

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